(a) whether any discussion has been initiated with the Chinese authorities for exchange of information concerning defence strategy and technology that is or mutual interests.

(b) whether joint defence exercises are proposed to be sought with Chinese defence personnel as were undertaken with the US army; and

(c) if the reply to Parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the response of the Chinese authorities to the mooted proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

मध्य प्रदेश के पिछड़े और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में विदेशी पूंजी निवेश

1820. **श्री दिलीप सिहं जूदेव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आज की स्थिति के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश के पिछड़े और आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में कोई विदेशी पूंजी निवेश किया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और देश में अब तक किए गए कुल पूंजी निवेश की तुलना में यह कितना है,

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कोई दिशा निर्देश विद्यमान है,और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

प्रधान मंत्री के कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में 989.68 करोड़ रूपये के विदेशी निवेश के लिए अनुमोदन किया गया है । अनुमोदित निवेश के आंकड़े जिला-वार, पिछड़े-क्षेत्र वार, और आदिवासी क्षेत्र-वार नहीं रखे जाते हैं । विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश के लिए अनुमोदन 1991 की नई औद्योगिक नीति की शर्तो के अनुसार दिए जाते हैं ।

Capacity of Wagon manufacturing units

1821. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of wagon manufacturing units in the country, unit-wise;

(b) the number of wagons supplied to railways;

(c) whether railways are not accepting the whole capacity of wagons manufactured in the above units;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the quality of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A statement is attached: *(See* below)

(b) The number of wagons supplied to Railways during the period 1992-93 to 1994-95;

Year	No. of Wagons in terms of FWs
1992-93	25,261
1993-94	18,500
1994-95	9,000

(c) and (d) Wagons are manufactured against specific orders. Railway orders for wagons through wagon India declined in 1993-94 and 1994-95 to 18,500 and' 9,000 FWUs respectively. Railway have attributed" the decline in orders due to lack of growth of traffic demand.

(e) Various steps to imporve the quality of wagons such as replacement of rivetted joints by welded joints, improvements in welding technology, installation of facilities for Grit Blasting of wagons, and design improvement have been taken by wagon building units.

Statement

The licensed capacities of the regular units engaged in wagon building both in